

Remarks

Claims 1-128 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2-128 are sought to be added. No new matter is believed to be added by this amendment, and its entry is respectfully requested.

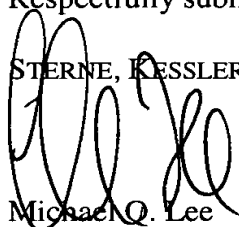
Applicant and Applicant's undersigned representative again wish to thank the Examiner for the productive Examiner Interview conducted on August 2, 2002. Applicant previously replied in all respects to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2002. As discussed during the Examiner Interview, Applicant herewith files new claims 2-128.

Also, Applicant has herewith filed a Supplemental Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to reflect the addition of new claims 2-128.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending application is in condition for allowance, and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issuance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Claims:

Claims 2-128 have been added.